

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Box PATENT APPLICATION
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231



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PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b), of pending prior application:

Serial No. 09/064,216
Filed: April 22, 1998
Of: Mark ROSS, et al.
Entitled: Clay/Organic Chemical Compositions Useful, as Additives
to Polymer, Plastic and Resin Matrices to Produce
Nanocomposites and Nanocomposites Containing Such
Compositions
Examiner: P. Michl
Group: 1714
Batch No: M60

X 1. Accompanying this order is a true copy of the prior application as originally filed.

Total pages 33

— 2. New Formal drawings are being filed herewith consisting of __ sheet(s), depicting Figures __.

X 3. Declaration and Power of Attorney:

a. — Newly executed (original or copy)

b. — Copy from prior application

i. — Deletion of Inventors - signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application

c. X Deferred

X 4. Incorporation by Reference:

The entire disclosure of the prior application is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

- 5. Cancel original claims .
- 6. Small entity status:
- a. — A small entity statement is enclosed
- b. — A statement of small entity status (copy attached) was filed on — in the prior application and status as a small entity is still proper and desired.
- c. — Is no longer claimed
- X 7. The filing fee is calculated below:

**CLAIMS AS FILED, INCLUDING ANY CLAIMS
CANCELLED OR ADDED BY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Basic Fee					<u>\$370</u>	<u>\$740</u>
Total Claims	<u>29</u>	- 20	= <u>9</u>	x 9 = \$	<u>18</u>	= <u>\$162</u>
Ind. Claims	<u>1</u>	- 3	=	x 42 = \$	<u>84</u>	= <u>\$</u>
<u>2</u>	Multiple Dependent Claims			+	140 = \$	<u>280 = \$280</u>
Total				\$		<u>\$1182</u>

- X 8. Please charge my Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #817/49649CO) in the amount of \$1182.00.
- 9. A check in the amount of \$— to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- X 10. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 37 CFR 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #817/49649CO).
- X 11. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: -- This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/064,216, filed April 22, 1998.--
- 12. Priority of Appln. No(s). —, filed in — on —, is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
- 13. A certified copy of each said priority document was filed in application Serial No. — on —.
- X 14. The prior application is assigned of record to Rheox, Inc..
- X 15. The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

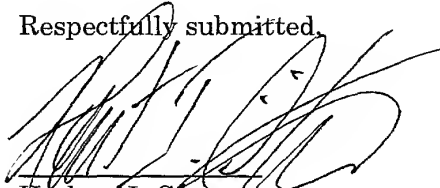
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- X a. The power appears in the original application papers in the prior application.
- X b. Since the power does not appear in the original application papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- c. Attached is a duplicate of a Supplemental Declaration which was filed in the prior application to overcome informalities.
- X d. Address all future correspondence to:

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- X 16. Forms PTO-892 and PTO-1449 listing prior art made of record in the prior application are attached. A copy of each of the listed references should be available in the prior application file.
- X 17. A Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith.
- X 18. Return Receipt Postcard.
- 19. Other: —

Respectfully submitted,


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December 14, 2001

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